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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FEBRUARY 24, 2003 OFFICE ACTION

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This Amendment is submitted in response to a February 24, 2003 Office Action issued in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the February 24, 2003 Office Action is due March 24, 2003. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1-4 as follows:

--1. (Amended) An antisense oligonucleotide or analog thereof comprising 10 or more contiguous bases or base analogs from the sequence of bases of SEQ ID NO:4.--

--2. (Amended) An antisense oligonucleotide or analog thereof comprising a sequence having 90% of greater identity to

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